

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023
8:00am & 10:45am



St. John Lutheran Church and School

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN! We ask members and guests to fill out an attendance card located by the hymnals; indicate your attendance at Holy Communion. Cards may be placed in the offering plate. Note that there are two glasses in the center of each tray with diluted wine.

SERVING TODAY – Preaching & Presiding: Rev. Jeff Caithamer. **Organist & Choir Director:** Keith Williams. **Elders:** 8:00 – Andy, Kurt, Todd, Dan; 10:45 – Chris, Jim, Phil, Matt. **Ushers:** 8:00 – Nicholas & Everett; 10:45 – Jordan & Noah.

ABOUT THE LORD’S SUPPER: Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a family of congregations who pledge themselves to teach and to believe the same doctrines. We invite those persons who are members in good standing of a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or of a church in fellowship with the LCMS to receive the sacrament. We want to express our sincere welcome to guests and to assure them that it is in their spiritual interest that we practice closed communion. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to make an appointment to speak with our pastor.

OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY – The altar flowers are given today by Donnie & Shirley in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on May 20th. We also remember the following people in our prayers: *for peace and comfort:* Barb and family at the death of husband Earl; *upcoming procedures:* Ellie-daughter of Laran & Erin; *for healing and recovery:* Lydia, Robin, Greg, David, Bentley, Herb, Karla, Charlene, Brian, Teresa, Barbara, John, Hendricks, Maria, Merv, Rebecca, Roy, Todd, Brett; *for successful treatments:* Dan, Nancy, Barb, Luke, Earl, Linda, Joan, Jeanette, Nancy; *for those in the military:* Nick, Andy, Brandon, Zachary, David; *for our homebound:* Gilbert, Gaylord.

For requests for the prayer chain or to be added to the chain:
<http://stjohnmedia.org/church/PrayerList.html>

OUR WEEK AHEAD

Today	<i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion; Parish Ed
Monday	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
Tuesday	6:30 K/1 Torch Passing Ceremony
Wednesday	10:00 Adult Bible Class; 7:15 Holy Communion
Thursday	<i>No School</i> ; 6:30 Little Lamb Graduation
Friday	<i>Last Day of School</i> ; 8:10 Chapel; 6:30 8 th Grade Graduation
Sunday	<i>Pentecost</i> ; 8:00 Holy Communion; 9:30 Adult Bible Class, Sunday School; 10:45 Holy Communion

Tuesday/Wednesday Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, May 24th this week.

End of the School Year Ceremonies – Everyone is invited to attend the special programs at the school: K/1 Torch Passing - Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30pm, Little Lamb Promotion - Thursday, May 25th at 6:30pm, 8th Grade Graduation - Friday, May 26th at 6:30pm. All ceremonies are held in the sanctuary.

Parking Lot Access – On Wednesday, May 24th, our 2nd & 3rd grade students will enjoy a Bike Day at school. To allow a safe place to ride, the entrances from Mattis Avenue and Round Barn Road will be closed from 9:30am-3:00pm. The entrance from John Street will remain open, as well as the parking lot in front of the church and school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer Sunday School begins June 4th. We want to give our teachers a break for the summer. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office if you would like to volunteer for one or more Sundays. The material will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Jones at (217) 369-2568 or c-jones45@hotmail.com.

Prairie Gardens Gift Cards – Gift cards are available this week, in \$25 or \$100 denominations. The gift cards will be sold through the Ram Rebate program so the rebate of 20% can go towards PTF or any church or school account. Gift cards should be delivered to the office and available for pick up this week. Stop in the school office and get your cards for your spring planting needs.

VBS Snack Donations – Donation slips have been posted requesting a variety of items needed for this year's VBS. Items are to be placed in the coat room by June 15th. Should you require further information or have any questions regarding the requests, please contact Donna. Thank you.

SJL Youth Lock-In – All kids entering 6-12th (current 5th graders, that's you) are welcome to join us for a Youth Group Lock-In on Friday, June 2nd starting at 6pm. Pickup is Saturday morning at 7am. To sign up, use the QR code on the flyer in the hallway or contact Karen. There is no cost for this event. Meals will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Karen.

EDUCATION HOUR TODAY

Adult Bible Class – led by Pastor Caithamer in the fellowship hall

Sunday School – All classes will start out in the Sanctuary for opening, and then go to their respective classrooms.

3/4yrs Room 4C

K-1st Room 5B

2nd-3rd Room 2C

4th-5th

6th-8th

High School

Room 3C

Conference Room

Youth Room

May Newsletter – Hard copies of the newsletter can be found on the narthex table. Extras are located in the church office. Pastor Caithamer has also emailed a copy of the newsletter to his email list. If you are not on his email list and would like to be, please contact the church office.

Network Server – With our server being down, we have limited access to files. This includes all membership information (addresses, phone numbers, etc.) We are working on a solution and will do our best to assist you in the meantime. Thank you for your patience.

VBS – God’s Living Water – June 19-23 9:00-11:30am – 1 Timothy 1:14 says, "The grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." This is the starting place for 'God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace'. Each of the lessons focuses on biblical accounts that emphasize the Living Water, Jesus Christ. Kids will learn about Jesus using all their senses at different sites. These sites provide yummy snacks, energetic games, inquisitive science experiments, clever crafts, and theatric Bible stories. All work together to speak the truth of overflowing grace. Registration is now available for students 3 years old (and potty-trained) through completed 5th grade at vbsmate.com/stjohnchampaign. If you have any questions, email vbs - at - stjohnls.com.

VBS – Volunteers make our VBS a success. Youth (completed 6th grade - 12th grade) and adult volunteers are needed. If you can help full or part time, we have many ways to be involved to suit your schedule needs or interests. A sign-up sheet is posted by the Fellowship Hall. Email vbs - at - stjohnls.com if you have any questions. Also, if you are not able to volunteer in person while VBS is going on, but would still like to help, keep on the lookout for ways you can donate items or supplies that we may need.

Witness & Outreach – John 17:1-11: On this last Sunday of the Easter Season, we hear Jesus praying His High Priestly Prayer, and He’s praying for you; He’s praying for your church family. He wants you to be people of His Word and Name unified as one Body with Him as the Head. His Body should function as ONE with Him as the Head and every member of the Body having a unique but unified function together as one for the purpose of His Kingdom. Read John 17 once again today at home, and then pray for His will to be first done in your individual life and collectively as a unified church family. Pray that your life would be an answer to Jesus’ prayer that His will may be done to carry out His purpose in the world that needs the Good News of salvation.

LEARN BY HEART
THE FAMILY ALTAR

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

Christian Questions with Their Answers

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?
2. How do you know this?
3. Are you sorry for your sins?
4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
5. Do you hope to be saved?
6. In whom then do you trust?
7. Who is Christ?
8. How many Gods are there?
9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
10. Did the Father also die for you?
11. How do you know this?
12. What are the words of institution?
13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
14. What convinces you to believe this?
15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?
17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?
18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?
19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?
20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

Answers are found on pgs. 37-40 in Luther's Small Catechism

Bible Passage: For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:26-27

Hymn 691 *Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing* (sts. 3-4)

Psalm 119:65-72